

Too Lazy to Be Rich or Poor.

A lazier man than the average Burman it would be extremely hard to find. When it is absolutely necessary for him to work he generally hits upon some method which will save him a lot of exertion. If he wishes to cultivate a piece of ground he sets light to the brushwood as a cheap, easy and efficacious method of preparing the soil. For two or three years he cultivates that piece of land and then sets light to another spot, allowing the jungle to grow in the old place, which will be ready for reburning when the other ground wants a rest. Rice-growers dispense with plows, turning loose instead several buffaloes, which cut up the saturated soil with their hoofs. When a Burman has earned a little money he immediately proceeds to spend it all, for the Burmese have no ambition to be rich and never hoard. Consequently there are no large land owners and there being no aristocracy the people are as near being on an equality as possible. Poor people are about as rare as rich people and the only beggars to be met with are the lepers, who sit on the steps of the pagodas.

Business Enterprise.

St. Louis Globe Democrat.

"Talk about business enterprise," said Frank L. Percel: "Away back in '85, we had a young fellow with us who was getting \$15 and his board. The night Jumbo was killed in St. Thomas, this boy developed himself. We were all sympathizing with poor old Jumbo and wondering how we could replace him. The youngster was thinking of something else. You know the tail of an elephant has at the very tip a bunch of thick hair, very much like a brush. This boy had got over the fence and had pulled every hair out of Jumbo's tail. His business at the circus was to sell balloons to children. Well, there were seventy-six of those thick hairs, and at the show the next afternoon he was selling them for \$1 apiece as relics of the great giant. He sold seventy-five of them and practically found \$75. The other one he kept for himself and still wears it as his mascot."

Subduing the Waves.

The excellent use that has recently been made of oil for allaying the force of storm waves when the steamship Umbria was disabled at sea has led to the appearance of various improved methods of spreading the oil on the face of the waters. Captain Couves' new apparatus consists of a cast iron reservoir above a vertical cylinder. A heavy piston working in the cylinder, attached to a tubular rod and acting by its own weight, ejects the oil on the water through a delivery pipe. The appliance is fixed as near the bows of the ship as possible. There are two delivery pipes, each fitted at the end with a conical nozzle, the aperture of which is not more than one-sixteenth of an inch in diameter, running from the lower part of the cylinder and passing out at the bows near the lead line. The oil issues forth in a fine but steady jet several feet above the bows. If the vessel is in motion, the oil is thrown away from the bows with the broken water as she makes her way onward, and the effect is at once apparent.

GLINTS OF GOSSIP.

Chauncey M. Depew is a member of ten of the leading clubs of New York. Chancellor von Caprivi denies the report that he is about to marry a widow, saying, "I am much too old for such a step."

Mrs. Anna E. Field has been drawn to serve on a petit jury in the Federal Court in Minneapolis, the first instance of the kind in the history of the State.

Morton, the newly appointed Secretary of Agriculture, was at one time the private secretary of General Lewis Cass. This was before he left Michigan for Nebraska.

The municipal council of Rouen has decided to change the name of the Quai des Lesez, which was named only a year ago in honor of the fallen man.

Un Abijah Walden, who was a cast member in 1872, celebrated his one hundred birthday in Lynn, Mass., a few days ago. His fellow townsman presented him with 100 silver dollars.

A symphony composed by Prince Henry of Reuss has just been produced at the famous Gewandhaus concert in Leipzig, and thus another member is added to the ranks of royal composers.

Colonel Alexander C. Boskin, Lieutenant Governor of Montana, is paralyzed from the waist down, and has not walked for many years. The colonel is an able lawyer, and held many positions of trust while Montana was a Territory.

Lady Henry Somerset declares that not even John Gough or Dwight L. Moody was received in England with greater enthusiasm than Miss Frances E. Willard, president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of the United States.

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